

Topical Heading

Professional Development

Program Title

Early Childhood Educator Professional Development

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.349A

Administering Office

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Partnerships of: (a) a professional development provider; (b) public agencies, Head Start agencies, or private organizations; and (c), if feasible, an entity with experience in training early childhood educators about identifying and preventing behavioral problems or with experience in working with children who are victims of abuse may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2006 application deadline: April 7, 2006.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004	\$14,814,078
Fiscal Year 2005	\$14,695,488
Fiscal Year 2006	\$14,549,040

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 3–6

Average New Award: \$3,600,000

Range of New Awards: \$2,400,000–\$4,800,000

Note: Projects are funded for three years; grantees receive funds for the entire period in the first year.

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, Sec. 2151(e); 20 *U.S.C.* 6651(e).

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 *CFR* 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99

Program Description

The purpose is to promote school readiness and improved learning outcomes of young children by providing high quality professional development programs to improve the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators and caregivers who work in early childhood programs located in high-poverty communities and who serve primarily children from low-income families.

Types of Projects

These professional development programs must provide primarily research-based training that will improve early childhood pedagogy and will further young children's language and literacy skills to prevent them from encountering reading difficulties when they enter school.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

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